



DNR QUARTERLY

Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources

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Upgrades at Lake Powell Navajo Tribal Park

LE CHEE, AZ.—Solar power, a fee station and new interpretive centers for visitors.

That is what's new at Lake Powell Navajo Tribal Park here on the northwestern portion of the Navajo Nation. Thanks to assistance from Coconino County, there are new picnic tables and interpretive signage at Upper and Lower Antelope Canyon.

Navajo Nation Vice President Jonathan Nez stated, "In this day and age, the only way to get anything done is through partnerships. It's important that we pass our teachings on in writing. This is what our younger generation is longing for. Our young people need to re-learn the Navajo language—It is inherent within us."

Nez explained the Treaty of 1868 serves as the best example of sovereignty and determination, noting, "Our elders back then said, we can do it. They did not give up so we can't give up on life. Our people sacrificed a lot for us to be here today. We all have a boot strap mentality within us."

He added that the interpretive centers are not just for visitors, but also for the younger Navajo generation.

A dedication and celebration ceremony was held on March 3.

ON THE HORIZON

*April 6-8, Navajo Food Summit
Dine' College (928) 871-6605*

*April 7-9: Hunter Education
Class - Monument Valley
Welcome Cntr (928) 871-6450*

*April 11-12: Customer Service
Training Info: 871-6592*

*April 26-28: HS Lease
Orientation, Double Tree,
Flagstaff (928) 871-6440*

May 12-13: Shiprock Marathon

*May 17: Summer Star
Constellation Lecture...Navajo
Nation Museum 871-7941*



Coconino County officials and Lake Powell NTP Manager Effie Yazzie at new interpretive center.

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Chief Leonard Butler at Navajo Mountain

Chief Retires After 40 Years in Law Enforcement

WINDOW ROCK—Mostly good memories.

That's what Chief Leonard Butler will remember as he reflects on more than 40 years of service in law enforcement.

Butler was the Navajo Nation Department of Resource Enforcement Department Director. He began working at the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources in October 2000 after he was hired by former Division Director Arvin Trujillo.

He worked for the Navajo Nation for more than 32 years and about eight years as an officer in Flagstaff. The Tuba City, Arizona native attended Brigham Young University and obtained a degree in criminal justice from Northland College in Showlow, Arizona.

He said there were an array of highlights in his career, noting, "Overall, it has been an experience that I will share with my children and grandchildren. It was a nice career with lots of hardships, but mostly good memories. The most enjoyable time was working with dedicated and fine officers and support staff. I would not give up a chance to work with men and women who have taken up a career as law enforcement officers."

Butler stated that he will miss the structure of law enforcement, noting, "There are certain parameters that need to be met each day. We always had a chance to make contacts and new friendships with those we serve. I am not certain what is in store for me and my family. I have never been retired before so I will have to learn what that means, but I hope to stay productive to my people and to my community."

Men and women in uniform are high on his list, adding, "They need our support and prayers each day."

Director Selected Professional of the Year

Outstanding Leadership.

That was one of the reasons Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife Department Director Gloria Tom received an award from the Arizona Fish and Gaming Commission in January.

More specifically, Tom was selected as the 2016 Professional of the Year for her dedication, accomplishments and ongoing efforts in working with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Tom has been the Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife Department Director for 18 years. She is a graduate from the University of Arizona.

The Fish and Wildlife Department consists of Animal Control, Wildlife Management, Native Fish Management, Natural Heritage, Wildlife Enforcement, Wildlife Investigation and Violation, Project Review and the Navajo Nation Zoo.

The Department offers a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities and activities for the Navajo people and Navajoland visitors.

For more information, contact them at (928) 871-6450 or via their website at www.nndfw.org



Gloria Tom

Animal Control Program Receives Approval to Establish Revenue Expenditure Plan

WINDOW ROCK, AZ. – The Navajo Nation Animal Control Program is creating a new path to better protect the Navajo people.

Thanks to approval from the Resources and Development Committee, the Animal Control Program has an approved Revenue Expenditure Plan that enables the program to collect fees to address a variety of animal control issues. The Program will be scheduled for the Budget and Finance Committee in the upcoming weeks.

Navajo Nation Animal Control Program Manager Glenda Davis, stated that the funds will be used to reinstate animal service fees for animal licenses, vaccines, impoundment fees, boarding fees, and for education to the public about responsible pet ownership.

Davis commented, “I am very pleased to receive support from the Office of the President and Vice President and the legislative branch to address this serious issue. Our program will do everything it can to ensure the safety and well-being of the Navajo people, but it is a concerted effort. The citizens on the Navajo Nation must also do their part to be a responsible pet owner.”



Elected officials listen to presenters at the Agriculture Summit on February 27-March 1st

Agriculture Sponsors Summit for Elected Officials

ALBUQUERQUE— Current and newly-elected agriculture-related officials from throughout the Navajo Nation attended an Agriculture Summit on February 27-March 1st.

The Summit was sponsored by the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture to educate elected agriculture officials about new policies, laws, conservation projects, livestock, land use, grazing, homesite, enforcement, and other natural resource issues.

Dr. Manny Encinas, owner of Cattle Management Services asked elected officials what they want to leave as their legacy. Encinas said it is getting more difficult to get the younger generation involved in the agriculture industry due to competition from other high-paying careers.

Being a full-time rancher takes a lot of patience, which he said many people do not have. Encinas said ranchers have a Code of Conduct, which entails respect, responsibility, discipline and hard work. He said the best way to encourage more people to venture into the world of agriculture is to “Lead by Example.” He also said that one of the biggest challenges for ranchers is to embrace change.

Irvin Chee from the Navajo Nation Department of Justice said Navajo Fundamental Law is an issue that elected officials will have to deal with. Chee said there are instances where the Navajo Nation Supreme Court has overturned lower court cases based on traditional Navajo Fundamental Law.

Navajo Fundamental Law, he explained, is based on the teachings of White Shell Woman. And it will benefit the clan or family versus modern or western law that only benefits an individual.

Chairman of the Chinle Agency Grazing Committee Roland Tso, said, “Enforcement is a big problem. We need to work together as a team, which isn’t happening now. We don’t have to enforce if we educate. It’s better to prevent than to fix.”

Welcome to DNR

The Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Administration welcomes the following new employees to the Division:

....Richard Begay, Department Director, Natural Heritage & Historic Preservation
....Elerina Yazzie, Department Director, General Land Development Department
....Marklyn Chee, Environmental Reviewer, General Land Development Department
....Stevie Rae Hudson, Senior Office Specialist, General Land Development Department
....Kevin Gleason, Wildlife Enforcement Manager, Fish & Wildlife
....John Montjoy, Wildlife Conservation Officer, Fish & Wildlife
....Francis Johnson, Civil Engineer/Supervisor, Shiprock Irrigation Office, Department of Water Resources
....Todd Antonio, Associate Civil Engineer, Water Resources, TCOB
....Jack Tapaha, Accounts Maintenance, Water Resources, TCOB
....Edwin Yazzie, Sr., Equipment Operator, Water Resources, TCOB
....Murray Yazzie, Equipment Operator, Water Resources, TCOB
....Dewayne Johnson, Park Manager, Canyon de Chelly Parks & Recreation Office
....Leona John, Planner, Parks & Recreation, Lake Powell NTP
....Joshua Halona, Network Specialist, AML

Something New

- ♦ Spring Fest on April 13 -15th, NN Fairgrounds (928) 871-6647
- ♦ Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye proclaimed 2017 as “Collar, License, Vaccinate and Confine Your Pet” Campaign.
- ♦ Saturday, May 20: Free Family Fishing Event at Asaayi Lake (928) 871-6450
- ♦ First-ever Social Pow Wow will be held at Four Corners Monument on July 22nd (928) 206-2540